

House Resolution No. 4247

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious organizations that admirably contribute to an enhanced quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual, educational, and service endeavors; and

Whereas, Trinity Lutheran Church of Shawneetown, Missouri, was founded when twenty-five members of Immanuel-New Wells church petitioned for a release in order to organize their own congregation, which was approved on August 30, 1908; and

Whereas, on September 7, 2008, Trinity Lutheran Church held a One Hundredth Anniversary observance under the guidance of its current pastor, the Reverend Robert Mann; and

Whereas, the early years of Trinity Lutheran Church were filled with the excitement of purchasing property on which to build, calling a pastor, and establishing a school for the religious and general education of the members' children; and

Whereas, the McCombs property proved to be ideal for the new church due to its geographic location and the presence of a house that could be used first as a temporary church and then as a parsonage; and

Whereas, the founding members contributed the money, time, and energy necessary to construct a sawmill, cut logs for lumber, make repairs to the house, and build a proper house of worship that is still in use today; and

Whereas, Trinity Lutheran School opened in February 1909 and remained an invaluable component of Trinity Lutheran Church until 1960 when it was replaced by religion classes designed to supplement the Sunday School program that had been organized in 1940; and

Whereas, today's Trinity Lutheran Church not only enjoys a look backwards to its beginnings, but also a look forward toward a very bright and promising future filled with the continuation of God's work in Shawneetown and its environs:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Trinity Lutheran Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for holding a highly successful Centennial Anniversary celebration of the founding of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Shawneetown, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4247, adopted September 29, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker